MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): May I know the rate fixed as measuring charges?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: There also, no uniform rate is fixed because it varies according to the particular locality. Normally the rate is from 2 to 4 cash per measure.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*): May I know the price of a gunny bag in the market at present?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: I am unable to say that.

Factories for producing synthetic manures.

101. *MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have decided to start a factory for producing synthetic manures?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Yes.

MR VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: May I know whether the Government have secured the necessary machinery for starting the factory?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: That depends upon securing the necessary priority certificates.

MR. DOMINIC JOSEPH: May I know whether there are any other factories run under the direction or supervision of Government?

PRESIDENT: You mean manure factory?

MR. DOMINIC JOSEPH: Yes, Sir.

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: No other factories are run under the direction of Government.

MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI: May I know where these factories are proposed to be opened?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Near Kundara and Pallam (Kottayam).

PRESIDENT: As there is a legitimate curiosity on this matter, I might mention that negotiations have been proceeding for some time. Nobody in fact offered to undertake the production of fertilisers or synthetic manure. It was then considered that more advantageous offers in respect of the State's future would be secured if others who had already obtained priority certificates from the Government of India for the import of the necessary equipment were contacted. They have been so contacted and in the course of 15 or 20 days, a Travancore Limited Liability company will be floated with possibly a capital of about 30 lakhs of which the Government will take half the share.

Public Roads selected for construction.

102. *MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list of the public roads selected for construction for the next three years from 1118?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Irrigation and Miscellaneous*): The information is available in the Public Works Department Budget for 1119 so far as roads already selected are concerned.

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